

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application, as presently amended, in light of the remarks in this paper. Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19, and 26-33 have been rejected. Claims 5, 6, 9-11, 17, 18, and 20-25 have been cancelled previously. Claims 7, 8, 12, 26, and 31 are presently amended. No claims are presently cancelled or added. Thus, claims 1-4, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19, and 26-33 are pending.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as lacking sufficient antecedent basis for reciting “the network appliance”. Claims 7 and 8 have been similarly amended in light of Examiner’s comment. Amended claim 7 reads:

The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the server further comprises an infrared interface cover.

Thus, Applicants submit Examiner’s 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections to claims 7 and 8 have been overcome.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 3, and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kaiser, et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0120724; hereinafter “Kaiser”). The filing date of Kaiser is February 23, 2001. The Applicant’s 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 declaration certifies as true a copy of the present invention’s disclosure, dated January 8, 2001. Because the date of the present invention’s disclosure antedates Kaiser, Applicants respectfully submit Examiner’s rejections to claims 1, 3 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) are rendered moot.

Claims 31-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Lioy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553).

Amended Claim 31 reads:

A method for converting wireless signals to machine-accessible information for configuring a network appliance, comprising:
receiving radio frequency signals conforming to a Bluetooth standard containing configuration information via a first interface;
converting the radio frequency signals to machine-accessible configuration information; and
configuring a second network interface of the network interface to operate based on the configuration information.

Claims 32 and 33 incorporate the limitations of Claim 31.

In light of amended Claim 31, the present invention configures a second network interface, different from the Bluetooth interface, on the network appliance. In contrast, as the Examiner noted, Lioy teaches configuring mobile terminal equipment, different from the server. Thus, Lioy does not anticipate the present invention. Further, because Claims 32 and 33 incorporate the limitations of Claim 31, Lioy fails to anticipate Claims 32 and 33 for similar reasons.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in light of Kaiser, et al. (U.S. Pub. 2002/0120724) and further in light of Linares, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,442,032). However, because the present invention antedates Kaiser, Applicants respectfully submit a rejection based on a combination of a cited reference with Kaiser is moot.

Similarly, Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in light of Kaiser, et al. (U.S. Pub. 2002/0120724) and further in light of Charlier, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,577,877). For reasons similar to those in support of Claim 2, Applicants respectfully submit Examiner's rejection to Claim 4 is moot.

Similarly, Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in light of Kaiser, et al. (U.S. Pub. 2002/0120724) and further in light of Sheridan, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,725,032). For reasons similar to those in support of Claim 2, Applicants respectfully submit Examiner's rejection to Claim 4 is moot.

Similarly, Claims 12, 15, 16, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in light of Lioy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553) and further in light of Kaiser, et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0120724). For reasons similar to those in support of Claim 2, Applicants respectfully submit Examiner's rejection to Claims 12, 15, 16, and 19 is moot.

Similarly, Claims 26 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in light of Kaiser, et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/1020724) and further in light of Lioy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553). For reasons similar to those in support of Claim 2, Applicants respectfully submit Examiner's rejection to Claims 26 and 28 is moot.

Similarly, Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kaiser, et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2002/0120724) in light of Lioy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553) and further in light of Linares et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,442,032). For reasons similar to those in support of Claim 2, Applicants respectfully submit Examiner's rejection to Claim 27 is moot.

Similarly, Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kaiser, et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2002/0120724) in light of Lioy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553) and further in light of Charlier et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,577,877). For reasons similar to those in support of Claim 2, Applicants respectfully submit Examiner's rejection to Claim 29 is moot.

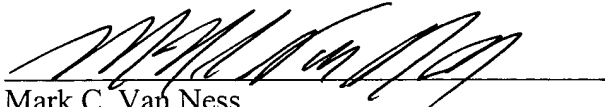
Claim 30 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kaiser, et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2002/0120724) in light of Liroy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553) and further in light of Sheridan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,725,032). For reasons similar to those in support of Claim 2, Applicants respectfully submit Examiner's rejection to Claim 30 is moot.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome or are moot. Therefore, claims 1-4, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19, and 26-33 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

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